United States Embassy Conakry, Guinea Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Presidential Elections October 7, 2015

Guinea will hold presidential elections on Sunday, October 11, 2015. On that day, only authorized vehicles conducting official elections activity will be allowed on the roads. The U.S. Embassy has recommended that assigned personnel and dependents who are not involved in observing the election remain in their residences on the 11th and recommends that U.S. citizens remain at home on Sunday 11th until Monday, October 12.

There will be major campaign rallies in Conakry on October 8th and 9th, and major traffic disruptions are likely on those days in Conakry and the other major cities. Even rallies intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security

For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Guinea <u>Country Specific</u> <u>Information</u>.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Guinea, along T2 off the Bambeto Roundabout in the Centre Aministratif de Koloma, Commune de Ratoma, at +224 655 104 000, from 08:00 a.m. to 16:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The weekend, holiday and after-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (+224) 655-104-444, or (+224) 657-104-040, and ask to speak to the Duty Officer. To call from the U.S, please dial: 00 224 655-104-444. The U.S. Embassy website is http://conakry.usembassy.gov/index.html.

• Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).